

**Conservation Commission**  
**Milfoil Committee Minutes**

For Tuesday, June 28, 2016 @ 8:30 AM @ the Moultonborough Town Hall

**Members Present:** Chairman Karin Nelson, Al Hoch, Ginny Gassman, Amy Lindamood, Scott Bartlett, Bev Nelson, Tracy Waterman

**Others Present:** Walter Johnson, Bob Goffredo

**Members Absent:** Dave Joyce, Paul Ardito

The meeting began at 8:35 AM.

1. Minutes: Amy made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24<sup>th</sup>, which was seconded by Al and approved unanimously.
2. Budget/expenditures- Karin: Karin shared the financial spreadsheet. Karin has agreed to provide \$223 for Al to replace his trolling motor which has been burned out during milfoil work.
3. Vendor comparison: prelim results-Karin: AB Aquatics has finished up their part of the three week vendor comparison. Aqualogic will be finished today. Karin has reiterated that the outcome of the comparison will be considered for next year. It will make no difference with the scheduling of the DASH vendor for the remainder of this year.

Karin has all the QC data to date for the comparison. Anecdotally, people don't like Aqualogic's bins because you have to measure a lot more gallons of milfoil when doing QC. One vendor has pulled 7000 plants vs. the other 9000 plants, 1388 gallons vs. 1497 gallons. Aqualogic still has 12 hours to report. Both vendors will have done 90 hours when they are done. Both vendors forgot to call once. Both vendors provided reports. The biggest problem with both teams is communications with reporting etc.

Al said Aqualogic reported a few level-4 days which ABA wouldn't have any comparable data so their yields will not be enough to compare.

Dave Joyce did an underwater survey with the Go Pro. When they are finished today Dave can go back and look at the two heavy spots.

Karin asked Al for data on how much was pulled from each location vs. how much we thought was there.

Karin said it has been a successful comparison.

4. DASH/Herb plans going fwd: This week ABA will come back to Lee's Pond. Harilla has some milfoil and they would like at least a week of notice before we pick there.

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Amy said she would be surveying Badger Bay (Greater Greens Basin).

5. Lake Host update- Tracy: Tracy has been asked why we don't have lake hosts at Harilla. Scott said Harilla traffic is mostly access to the Islands. It would need staffing by lake hosts early and late in the summer. Another place that sees lots of activity is at the Quayside rangeway. Scott says there is a dangerous amount of activity, there. Scott asked the police if it should be changed to emergency access only. From a lake host standpoint we are missing traffic.

Tracy's update: Lake hosts pulled 7 milfoil plants out of the fishing tournament at Lee's Mills. Tracy reported that there is an issue with the Lake Host tent signs because there is no place to keep them. We need to keep them on site or within easy access to each site. The signs have the clean/drain/dry message on them. There are sheds at Long Island and States Landing that are town sheds that we should be able to use. Lee's Mills has no shed. Lee's Mills has no shelter or shade and the portapotties need to be cleaned more often. We are losing volunteers because of the conditions. On Saturday there were seventy boats on Long Island, not a lot of milfoil there, but that is a location where we educate people.

Signs: Scott will talk to Donna about using the sheds at Long Island and States. For Lee's Mills, Al will check with his neighbor that has the boathouse there. There is the possibility to slip them under the building (shed) with a combination lock. Portapotties are a problem everywhere according to Walter, they are on a contract to be maintained, but they don't come every day. They come once or twice a week depending on the location. If they were cleaned on a Friday it would be very helpful.

Umbrellas/ Screen tent: Karin has one she can loan to the lake host.

Scott suggested having the school kids build a gazebo perhaps with an info kiosk for Lee's Mills. Ginny is to send an email to Kate Lancor.

Tracy is always looking for more volunteers for more lake hosts; there is a paid position open right now. Ginny will put a request on Facebook. It is also a good idea to post something at the REC center and post office, also at the dump.

6. Weed Watcher training- Bev: Bev reported there was a good weed watcher day on Salmon Meadow Cove with two new weed watchers and a re-train for an existing weed watcher. It was a good trial of on-the-water training. Bev is trying to arrange training in the Badger area, but so far has not had a response. It's an area with two women who are brand new. Bev reports there are a lot of people on the list who think it's a good idea to be weed watchers but don't end up doing anything. On July 1, Bev will send out a reminder to weed watch in the new month.

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7. Newsletter results: Karin said we're getting results from the newsletter. Karin has received at least 3 calls, one a couple on salmon meadow who are divers, who could do a survey.
8. Lake Assoc. update- Theresa- Karin: No progress this time.
9. Lake Congress rept- Al: Lake Congress was very well attended. Karin was asked to be on one of the panels. Al attended, he didn't learn anything new. We are at the leading edge of the milfoil control effort. A lot of the content was geared toward how to get going. Al moved to authorize Ginny to spend \$15 to expand followers on the Facebook page to Moultonborough residents; this was seconded by Bev and unanimously approved. Ginny is to make Tracy an editor on the Facebook page.
10. Other Business:  
Al will take his boat and sonar to survey Lee's Pond.  
Al wants to take 5 gallons of milfoil to dry it and weigh it and to see how much phosphorus is in it.
11. Next meeting date: Tuesday, July 26 at 8:30 at the Town Hall.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- A21: Karin will discuss further with Amy, in order to have a program in shallow water for harvesting. Status: ongoing. Latest update: Bob Paterson said he would follow up on shallow water pulling.
- A42: Ginny to add to the Activities List: submit people to be invited to the volunteer luncheon in August.
- A48: Amy L. will send an email to Bob Wolff to see if there has been any progress on whether the notice language can be changed. – ongoing: Amy will start with Amy S. She will also discuss with Pete B. Long term.
- A50: Ginny to talk to Alison about how to link about the fertilizer use info to web the site. – ongoing
- A52: Amy L. to get clarification from the Dept. of Agriculture on why so much sampling was done without notice. Ongoing
- A55: Karin will organize making 150 markers.
- A56: Al to work on projected treatment list.
- A62: Homework for everyone is to email Ginny about any boat launch we know of and any rangeways. We will try to ask the state to provide us with a list of the private launches. Ginny to look. (Scott, Al)
- A63: Teresa Eichhorn is compiling a list of Lake Associations
- A64: Ginny will put our milfoil tri-fold board up on an easel at the town hall with milfoil pictures and contact information.
- A65: Amy is to put together a "how-to-use" card for "My GPS Coordinates Pro". The weed watcher will need to indicate what level of milfoil density they are seeing.